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The Synod of North Carolina met according to adjournment, in its Sixty-Ninth Annual Session, in Asheville, North Carolina, in the Methodist church (inasmuch as the Presbyterian church was too small to accommodate the body and the congregation in attendance), Wednesday, September 27th, 1882, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

The opening sermon was preached by the Moderator, the Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., on Psalm cii : 16 : "When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory."

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Stated Clerk, from the Committee of Enrollment, presented the Roll of the Synod, as far as completed, and other members were enrolled.

The following members were present during the session of the Synod :†

I.—PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.†

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
Thos. U. Faucette,		
P. H. Dalton,	*Wm. M. Wiley*,	Jamestown.
J. H. Smith, D. D. (2),	*J. H. Lindsay* (2),	Greensboro.
F. H. Johnston,		
D. E. Jordan (2),		

†The figure after a name denotes the day on which a member took his seat.

Roll of Synod.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. C. Alexander,	*G. A. Denny*,	Buffalo.
C. H. Wiley, D. D.,		
L. C. Vass,		
T. J. Allison (2),	*D. F. Morrow*,	Bethlehem.
S. M. Smith (2),		
D. I. Craig (3),	*J. M. Andrews* (3),	Reidsville.
A. M. Watson,	*T. C. Ford*,	Lexington.
Geo. Summey,	*John Denny*,	Graham.
	J. W. Rippey,	Company Shops.
S. L. Wilson (2),		
J. L. Williamson,		
15	*Wm. F. Thom*,	Alamance.
	A. M. McPheeters,	First, Raleigh.
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II.—PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.†

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
T. P. Johnston,		
E. F. Rockwell, D. D.		
P. T. Penick,		
A. L. Crawford,	*E. McNeely*,	Bethesda.
W. A. Wood, D. D.,	*M. W. Hill*,	Statesville.
J. Rumple, D. D.,	*J. D. McNeely*,	Salisbury.
Wm. W. Pharr,	*S. M. Furr*,	Bethphage.

†Of the Presbytery of Orange the following Ministers were absent: Robert Burwell, D. D., G. W. Ferrill, Drury Lacy, D. D., Archibald Currie, J. M. Atkinson, D. D., C. N. Morrow, Charles Phillips, D. D., W. B. Tidball, J. W. Primrose, H. T. Darnall, J. L. Currie, P. R. Law, J. S. Watkins, R. A. Wailes, L. H. Baldwin (15.)

The following churches were not represented: Oakland, Milton, Red House, Second Raleigh, High Point, New Hope, Calah, Winston, Bethel, Newbern, Oxford, Grassy Creek, Shiloh, Durham, Mebaneville, Chapel Hill, Eno, Little River, Washington, Pittsboro, Haywood, Mount Vernon, Gulf, Oak Forest, Bethesda, Ashboro, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Nahalah, Littleton, Hillsboro, Hawfields, Cross Roads, Mount Airy, Geneva, Stony Creek, Madison, Springwood, Wentworth, Oak Hill, Leaksville, Fairfield, Yanceyville, Grier's, Oregon, Elkin, Speedwell, Louisburg, Horeb, Warrenton (59.)

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MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
R. B. ANDERSON, D.D.	*R. K. Presnell*,	Morganton.
	A. J. Seagle,	Newton.
J. M. WHAREY,	*J. C. Barnhardt*,	Rocky River.
L. MCKINNON,		
L. K. GLASGOW,		
J. A. RAMSAY,	*J. K. Goodman*,	Back Creek.
F. P. HARRELL,	*H. M. Gray*,	Prospect.
J. N. H. SUMMERELL,		
W. B. ARROWOOD,		
15	*P. B. Kennedy*,	Tabor.
	E. W. Fancette,	Lenoir.
	H. P. Helper,	Davidson College.
	P. C. Hall,	Hickory.
	W. T. Gheen,	Franklin.
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III.—PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.†

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
HECTOR MCLEAN,		
E. MCNAIR, D. D.,		
G. M. GIBBS,		
D. D. MCBRYDE,		
MARTIN MCQUEEN,		
S. C. ALEXANDER,		
J. H. COBLE,	*John McIntyre*,	Laurinburgh.
H. G. HILL, D. D.,	*E. T. McKethan*,	Fayetteville.

‡Of the Presbytery of Concord the following Ministers were absent: T. N. Paxton, B. L. Beall, A. D. Hepburn, D. D., T. G. Thurston, J. W. Davis, J. H. Thornwell, R. W. Boyd, P. P. Winn (8.)

The following churches were not represented: Bethany, Fifth Creek, Marion, Siloam, Mooresville, Mocksville, Third Creek, Centre, Taylorsville, Wilkesboro, Concord (town), Bethel, Unity, Clio, Shiloh, Salem, Thyatira, Poplar Tent, Norwood, Zion, Drusilla, New Salem (22.)

†Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville the following Ministers were absent: J. P. McPherson, Neill McKay, D. D., A. McMillan, J. McQueen, N. T. Bowden, Joseph Evans, A. McQueen, D. Fairley, K. M. McIntyre, D. A. McRae (10.)

The following churches were not represented: Antioch, Philadelphus, Lebanon,

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MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
A. N. FERGUSON,	*J. F. McNair*,	Laurel Hill.
WM. S. LACY,	*A. M. McDonald*,	Euphronia.
ROGER MARTIN,	*A. A. McLean*,	Centre.
11	*E. F. McRae*,	Shoe Heel.
	J. L. McKinnon,	Sharon.
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IV.—PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.†

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. M. SPRUNT, D.D.(2)	*W. H. Williams* (2),	Grove.
S. H. ISLER,		
A. MCFADYEN,	*Wm. J. Cromartie* (3),	Mount Horeb.
J. R. WILSON, D. D.,	*C. H. Robinson*,	First, Wilmington.
C. M. PAYNE,	*John Colville* (2)	Second, Wilmington.
K. MCDONALD (2),		
J. S. BLACK,	*J. L. Corbett.*	Black River Chapel.
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V.—PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.†

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
WM. N. MORRISON,		
W. GRAVES,		
W. W. PHARR, D. D.		
D. T. TOWLES,		

Bethesda, Bethel, Lumber Bridge, Salem, Long Street, Tirza, Flat Branch, McPherson's, Cypress, China Grove, Bluff, Sardis, Sherwood, Carthage, Union, Cameron, Harmony, Mt. Carmel, Mark's Creek, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pisgah, White Hill, St. Paul's, Big Rockfish, Lumberton, Mt. Tabor, Bethlehem, Church of the Covenant, Sandy Grove, Galatia, Smyrna, Pee Dee, Macedonia, Ben-Salem, Buffalo, Iona, Ashpole, Montpelier, Barbacue, Mineral Spring, Rockingham (41.)

†Of the Presbytery of Wilmington the following Ministers were absent: D. B. Black, C. Shaw, B. F. Marable, James Kelly, A. Kirkland, G. W. McMillan, R. H. Chapman, D. D., R. B. McAlpine (8.)

The following churches were not represented: Hopewell, Pike, Rockfish, Moore's Creek, Oak Plain, Union, Mt. Zion, Mt. Olive, Clinton, Seminary, Richlands, Elizabethtown, Beth-Car, South River Chapel, Brown Marsh, Whiteville, White Plains, Mt. Williams, Topsail, Burgaw, Keith, Goldsboro, Cobb's Mills, White Hall, North River, Newport (26.)

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MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
S. T. MARTIN,	*L. E. Britton*,	Mills River.
R. Z. JOHNSTON,	*W. H. Michal*, (2)	Lincolnton.
W. A. McDONALD,		
J. J. KENNEDY,		
W. H. DAVIS,		
W. E. McILWAIN (2)		
G. S. ROBINSON,		
J. F. LATIMER,		
W. M. McGILVARY,		
J. P. GAMMON,	*S. F. Venable*,	Asheville.
M. R. KIRKPATRICK,	*B. W. Moore*,	Franklin.
D. P. ROBINSON,	*R. S. White*,	Sharon.
J. L. WILLIAMS,		
N. M. WOODS,		
F. L. LEEPER,	*E. A. Sample*,	Hopewell.
19	*John E. Brown*,	First, Charlotte.
	J. M. Davis,	Sugar Creek.
	A. A. Cathey,	Paw Creek.
	R. T. Collins,	Steele Creek.
	James McNair (2)	Swannanoa.
	Thomas Britton,	Oak Forest.
	A. T. Summey,	Red Oak.
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Ministers 67 ; Ruling Elders 49 ; total 116.

†Of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg the following Ministers were absent: R. H. Morrison, D. D., J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, L. R. McAboy, D. D., A. W. Miller, D. D., G. D. Parks, E. H. Harding, D. D., S. H. Chester, R. A. Miller, G. L. Cook, W. R. Atkinson, W. W. Moore (12.)

The following churches were not represented: Lebanon, Mallard Creek, Hendersonville, Shelby, Dallas, Goshen, Paper Mill, Long Creek, Philadelphia, New Hope, Davidson River, Waynesville, Bethel, Castanea Grove, Unity, Pineville, Providence, Huntersville, Ramah, Monroe, Matthews, Rutherfordton, Little Brittain, Sandy Plains, Morrison, Hiwassee, Wadesboro, Second Charlotte, Pleasant Hill, Union, Olney, Hephzibah, Machpelah, Bethlehem, Charleston, Amity, Gastonia (37.)

Total of Ministers absent, 53; of churches not represented, 179.

Organization. Standing Committees.

The Rev. L. McKinnon, of the Presbytery of Concord, was elected Moderator.

The Rev. J. A. Ramsay, of the Presbytery of Concord, and the Rev. W. H. Davis, of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, were elected Temporary Clerks.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Session was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Synod then adjourned until 9½ A. M. to-morrow, and was closed with prayer.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 28th, 1882.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at 9½ A. M., and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of the First Day's Sessions were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1—BILLS AND OVERTURES—H. G. Hill, D. D., P. H. Dalton, S. C. Alexander, E. W. Faucette, C. H. Robinson.

2—JUDICIAL COMMITTEE—J. R. Wilson, D. D., J. Rumple, D. D., S. H. Isler, J. E. Brown, E. T. McKethan.

3—ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES ON THE STATE OF RELIGION—J. F. Latimer, W. A. Wood, D. D., A. M. Watson, J. L. Corbett, J. D. McNeely.

Standing Committees.

4—Systematic Beneficence—M. McQueen; C. H. Wiley, D. D., A. L. Crawford, W. F. Thom, E. A. Sample.

5—Minutes of the General Assembly—J. C. Alexander, P. T. Penick, George Summey, B. W. Moore, A. J. Seagle.

6—Union Theological Seminary—J. M. Wharey, H. McLean, W. W. Pharr, D. D., A. T. Summey, D. F. Morrow.

7—Treasurer's Books—P. C. Hall, T. C. Ford, E. F. McRae, D. D. McBryde, W. A McDonald.

8—Report of the Trustees of Synod—S. T. Martin, R. B. Anderson, D. D., W. M. McGilvary, J. F. McNair, H. P. Helper.

9—Devotional Exercises—J. P. Gammon, S. F. Venable.

10—Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries—J. H. Coble, T. U. Faucette, L. K. Glasgow, A. A. McLean, J. K. Goodman.

11—Synodical Records—E. F. Rockwell, D. D, George M Gibbs, John Denny.

12—Leave of Absence—E. McNair, D. D, J. J. Kennedy, W. B. Arrowood, G. A. Denny, S. M. Furr.

The Moderator then announeed the following Committees on Presbyterial Records:

1—Orange—F. L Leeper, J. N. H. Summerell, John McIntyre.

2—Concord—M. R. Kirkpatrick, J. L Williamson, A. M McDonald.

3—Fayetteville—A McFadyen, D. P. Robinson, H. M Gray

4—Wilmington—William W. Pharr, A. N. Ferguson, R. K. Presnell.

5—Mecklenburg—Roger Martin, J. S. Black, J. C. Barnhardt.

Corresponding Members. Visiting Brethren. Time & Place of Next Meeting

It was ordered that the hours of daily sessions be as follows: From 9½ A M to 12½ P. M., and from 3 P. M. to 5 P. M.

The following brethren were invited during the sessions of the Synod to sit as Corresponding Members, and were introduced by the Moderator to the Synod:

Rev J Leighton Wilson, D. D, of the Synod of South Carolina; Rev. Colin A. Munroe, of the Synod of Mississippi; Rev. B. M Smith, D. D, of the Synod of Virginia; Rev. Richard McIlwaine, D D, of the Synod of Virginia, and Rev E M Richardson, D D, of the Synod of Memphis.

The following brethren were invited during the Sessions of the Synod to sit as Visiting Brethren, and were introduced by the Moderator to the Synod:

Rev. Dr. Keith, Rev. Dr. Atkins and Rev. Dr. Summers, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and Rev. J. K. Connally, of the Baptist Church.

Standing Rule 27, requiring the Synodical Missionary Meeting to be held Friday night, was, by vote of the Synod, suspended, and it was made the Order of the Day for this (Thursday) evening, at 7½ o'clock, to hold the Synodical Missionary Meeting, and in connection therewith to hear the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Foreign Missions.

The First Presbyterian church, Wilmington, North Carolina, was chosen as the place, and Wednesday, November 14th, 1883, at 7½ o'clock P. M., was chosen as the time, for the next meeting of the Synod.

Statistical Reports from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod were presented and referred to the Committee on Statistical Reports. (See Appendix, Paper A.)

Narratives of the State of Religion from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod were presented and referred to the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Churches.

Reports Referred. Orders of the Day.

Reports on Systematic Beneficence from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod were presented and referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. (See Appendix, Paper B.)

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary was read and referred to the Committee on Union Theological Seminary. (See Appendix, Paper C.)

The nomination of persons to fill vacancies in the Board from this Synod was referred to the same Committee.

It was made the Order of the Day for Friday, at 11 A. M., to hear the report of this Committee, and in connection therewith to hear the Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D., on the relation of Christian education to the supply of candidates for the gospel ministry.

The Records of the Synod, and of the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod, were presented and referrrd to the respective Committees appointed for their review.

The Report of the Trustees of the Synod was read by the Chairman, Col. John E. Brown, and referred to the Committee appointed to examine such report. (See Appendix, Paper D.)

A supplemental report from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, touching Sabbath Schools, was read and referred to the Synodical Agent of Sabbath-Schools.

The Rev. P. T. Penick was made Synodical Agent of Education, *pro tempore*, and it was made the Second Order of the Day for Friday afternoon to hear the Report of the Agent of Education, *pro tempore*, and in connection therewith to hear the Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Education.

It was made the First Order of the Day for this (Thursday) afternoon to hear the Report of the Agent of Sabbath-Schools. Order was taken in connection therewith to hear the Report of the Special Committee appointed by the last Synod "to prepare for the consideration of Synod, at its next session, some definite and practical subjects or plans touching Sabbath-School work."

It was made the First Order of the Day for Friday morning

Orders of the Day. Report of Agent of Publication.

to hear the Report of the Agent of Sustentation, and in connection therewith to hear the Rev. Richard McIlwaine, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions.

It was made the Order of the Day for this (Thursday) morning, at 11½ o'clock, to hear the Report of the Agent of Publication.

It was further ordered that, immediately after the Report of the Agent of Publication, the Synod hear the Report of the Agent of Evangelistic Labor, and in connection therewith the Report of the Synodical Evangelistic Committee.

The Order of the Day for this hour was announced, and the Agent of Publication, Rev. F. H. Johnston, made his report, which was received and approved.

The resolutions appended to the report were adopted, and are as follows:

In view of the action of the Assembly, the following resolutions are offered for adoption:

1*st. Resolved*, That this Synod thankfully recognizes the blesssing of God in the relief of the Publication interest from an embarrassing debt.

2*d. Resolved*, That our people are invited to a respectful consideration of the Assembly's wishes and plan in reference to the resumption of the publishing business, and of their own duty and privilege in the premises.

3*d. Resolved*, That the ministers and sessions of those churches which have not contributed to this cause are hereby affectionately admonished of their duty, and urged to remove at once the reproach of delinquency that rests upon so large a proportion of the churches of this venerable Synod.

According to its order, the Synod then heard the Report of the Synodical Evangelistic Committee, which was made by the Chairman, Rev. C. M. Payne. The report was received and approved and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the printed Minutes, and the Committee discharged. (See Appendix, Paper E.)

Evangelistic Labor. Report of Treasurer.

The Agent of Evangelistic Labor, Rev. C. M. Payne, then made his report, which was received and approved.

The resolutions appended to the report were adopted, and are as follows :

1*st. Resolved*, In order that this Synod may obtain as much information as possible upon this important subject, that the several agents of this work in the Presbyteries and the Presbyterial Evangelists present be called upon for short verbal statements as to the nature and condition of this work in their respective Presbyteries.

2*d. Resolved*, That our Presbyteries be requested to carry out the recommendation of our last Assembly, to devote one evening or such hour as may be convenient, to the general discussion of the subject of Home Missions during every fall session.

3*d. Resolved*, That our pastors and stated supplies be urged to bring this cause definitely and prominently before their congregations so as to secure a good collection the first Sabbath in every November, or as soon thereafter as possible.

In accordance with the first resolution foregoing it was made the Order of the Day for Friday morning to hear the statements of Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists immediately after the address of Rev. Dr. McIlwaine on Home Missions.

The Agent of Evangelistic Labor made his report on the Evangelistic work of the Synod among the colored people, which was received and approved.

The Rev. L. C. Vass, appointed by the Synod at its last meeting to prepare for this meeting a Special Paper on the Evangelization of the colored people, read the Paper which he had prepared, which was received and approved, and ordered to be published in the Appendix to the printed Minutes. (See Appendix, Paper F.)

The Report of the Treasurer of the Synod was read and referred, with his book and vouchers, to the Committee on the Treasurer's Books. (See Appendix, Paper G.)

The Synod then took recess until 3 P. M.

Sabbath Schools.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess the Synod met and resumed business.

The Order of the Day was announced, and the Agent of Sabbath-Schools, Rev. L. C. Vass, made his report, which was received and approved, and the following resolution appended thereto, was adopted :

Resolved, therefore, That we do call the serious attention of each of our Presbyteries, at their next sessions, to the important points already enumerated; and affectionately urge upon them the necessity of adopting and carrying out promptly such plans as in their judgment are best calculated to excite to more earnest and successful efforts to gather children, youth and adults into our Sabbath-Schools, and to win their souls for Christ.

In connection with this report the Synod heard the report of the Special Committee appointed by the Synod at its last meeting "to prepare for the consideration of Synod, at its next Session, some definite and practical subjects or plans touching Sabbath-school work." The report was presented by the Chairman, Rev. L. C. Vass, and was received and approved. (See Appendix, Paper H.)

In this report the following subjects were submitted for consideration :

I. Qualified teachers, the great want of our Sabbath Schools. How shall we prepare them ?

II. How to prepare and teach the Bible Lesson.

III. The great rewards vouchsafed to faithful Sunday-School work.

The Synod then took order to devote this afternoon's Session to the consideration of these subjects ; whereupon the Synod was addressed by Rev. C. H. Wiley, D. D., Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D , Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., and Rev. C. M. Payne. Pending further consideration the Synod took recess until 7½ P. M.

Foreign Missions. Sustentation.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod convened after recess.

The Order of the Day for this hour was announced, and, after devotional exercises, the Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. R. Z. Johnston, made his report, which was received. Pending the consideration of the report the Synod was addressed by the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Foreign Missions. Remarks were also made by Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D. The report was then approved, and a collection was taken for Foreign Missions.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock, and was closed with prayer by the Rev. Richard McIlwaine, D. D.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 29th, 1882.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at the appointed hour, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of the Second Day's Sessions were read, corrected and approved.

The First Order of the Day for this morning was announced, and the Agent of Sustentation, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., made his report, which was received. Pending further action the Synod was addressed by the Rev. Richard McIlwaine, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions.

Union Theological Seminary. Minutes of General Assembly.

The hour of 11 A. M. having arrived, the Order of the Day for that hour was postponed to allow Dr. McIlwaine to conclude his remarks.

At the close of Dr. McIlwaine's address further action on the report was deferred until this (Friday) evening's Session.

The Order of the Day was then called, and the Committee on Union Theological Seminary, Rev. J. M. Wharey, Chairman, made their report, which was received. Pending further consideration the Synod was addressed by the Rev. B. M. Smith, D. D., Professor in Union Theological Seminary, on the relation of Christian education to the supply of candidates for the gospel ministry.

The Synod then receded from business until 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod convened after recess for business.

The Unfinished Business was postponed until this (Friday) evening's Session.

It was made the Order of the Day for this (Friday) afternoon, to hear the Rev. J. F. Latimer, Professor in Davidson College, with reference to the interests of that institution.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. J. C. Alexander, Chairman, reported that there was nothing therein calling for special attention by this body. The report was received and the Committee discharged.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have printed 1,200 copies of the Minutes of the Sixty-Ninth Annual Session of the Synod.

The Special Committee on the Standing Rules of the Synod, Rev. W. S. Lacy, Chairman, made their report, which was received and docketed.

Address to the Churches.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the churches on the State of Religion in the bounds of the Synod made their report, which was received and adopted. It was further ordered that the Address be read to the churches by the pastors and stated supplies on a day of public worship, and that a copy be forwarded to the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN, with a request for publication.

The report is as follows :

ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.

The Synod of North Carolina to the Churches within its bounds—greeting

DEAR BRETHREN :—The reports which come to us from the several Presbyteries present some facts suited to call forth thanksgiving to God for his gracious dealings with his people. We are sorry to add, however, that there are other facts which should humble us and incite us to earnest efforts for improvement.

We have not as full information as we could desire in relation to the faithfulness of pastors, elders and deacons, but it seems evident that, on the part of the elders and deacons of some of our churches, there has not been that earnestness and zeal which should have characterized them in the discharge of their duties.

While there has been in many of the churches increased interest in the ordinances of the house of God, we are sorry to note the almost unanimous complaint that there has been neglect in the matter of family worship. Many even of the elders of the Church have not erected the family altar, and there is no evidence that that faithfulness which should characterize Presbyterians, in relation to the religious instruction of children in their homes, has been exhibited by our people everywhere. We learn that there is increasing interest, in many quarters, in the Sabbath-School work. But the Sabbath-School cannot do its most efficient work where the religious instruction of youth is left solely to it. In the family the Church was first organized, and only where the duties of family religion are faithfully observed can the best results be reached.

There has been an improvement in the liberality of the people, and we would most earnestly exhort our brethren to give still stronger

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proof of their gratitude to God for the bountiful harvest he has vouchsafed them, by still more liberal giving to the various causes of the Church.

Within the bounds of several of the Presbyteries there have been gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit, and it is with feelings of devout gratitude that we record the fact that large additions have been made to a number of our churches.

We still hear the complaint, from many quarters, that the Sabbath is not observed as it should be; that many professed Christians are too much conformed to the world; and even that there are sections in which intemperance prevails. We trust that those who have named the name of Jesus will take heed to themselves in relation to these matters, and will see to it that they do not bring reproach upon the cause of Christ.

In some of our Presbyteries special efforts have been made to overtake the destitution within their bounds, and, in this connection, we would remind those churches which enjoy the regular ministrations of the Word that there are many without the living ministry. If the people of God would arise to a sense of their obligations all these waste places might be supplied, and our work extended to the regions beyond.

As closely connected with this subject, we mention the great decrease in the number of candidates for the gospel ministry. There are few who are coming forward to take the places of those who are falling on the right hand and upon the left. We are satisfied that in our churches and especially in our country congregations, there are many pious youths, who, if they were placed in a position to consider a call to the ministry, would respond. But in the Presbyterian Church it is only educated youth, or those who see that it is possible for them to obtain an education, who can ever consider the question whether they will enter upon their work. There is great need that classical schools be established in all our congregations, and that such preparation as will fit young men for college be brought within their reach. The attention of Christian parents is called specially to this subject. We do not hesitate to assert that no such person, who has sufficient means, has performed his whole duty if he have not fitted his son or sons by educating them to *consider*, at least, the duty of entering the ministry. We, then, earnestly exhort our people to return to the time-honored practice of the Presbyterian Church in establishing and maintaining

parochial schools, as one of the surest means, under the blessing of God, of filling our Colleges and Seminaries with young men who shall devote themselves to the work of the ministry.

And now, may the blessing of God rest upon you, and make you to abound in every good word and work. Amen.

The Order of the Day for 3½ o'clock was announced, and the Synod was addressed by the Rev. J. F. Latimer, Professor in Davidson College, with reference to the interests of that institution.

The Second Order of the Day for this (Friday) afternoon was called and the Agent of Education, *pro tempore*, Rev. P. T. Penick, made his report, which was received. Pending further action the Synod was addressed by the Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Education. The report on Education was then approved, and the resolution appended thereto was adopted, and is as follows :

In view of the pressing need of more ministers of the Gospel, and of the present dearth of candidates for the ministry :

Resolved, That Friday before the first Sabbath of December be observed as a day of fasting and prayer to the Head of the Church, that He would send more laborers into His harvest, and that the pastors and stated supplies of our several churches are directed to preach on that day a sermon specially adapted to parents and young men on the nature and duty of entire consecration to God.

The Synod then took recess until 7½ P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod met to resume business.

It was, however, ordered to recede from business until after divine service.

After public worship the Synod again convened for business.

The Unfinished Business, to wit, the Report of the Committee

Report on Union Theological Seminary. Sustentation.

on Union Theological Seminary, postponed until this hour, was taken from the table and adopted. The report is as follows.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of Union Theological Seminary respectfully report the following paper for the adoption of the Synod:

With great pleasure and with profound gratitude to God the Synod has learned of the continued prosperity of this Institution. The Trustees report that the finances of the Seminary were never in better condition, enabling them to meet all expenses and improve the condition of buildings and grounds. Thanks are due the "generous friend" who, during the past year, added $5,000 to the Scholarship Fund.

There is one ominous shadow, however, overhanging this pleasing picture. To meet the rapidly growing demands of the Church for more laborers we need a large increase in the number of candidates, while with deep grief and anxiety we learn that the number has actually declined.

The Synod most earnestly enjoins upon her pastors and churches the prayerful consideration of this alarming fact, and the diligent use of some means to equip the Seminary, not only with the means of instruction, but with the men to be instructed.

In accordance with the recommendation of the same Committee, the Synod re-appointed as Directors of Union Theological Seminary for a term of four years, the following: Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Rev. B. F. Marable and Ruling Elder R. I. McDowell.

The Report of the Agent of Sustentation, the consideration of which was deferred until this evening, was taken up and approved.

The Synod then, according to its own order to hear the Presbyterial Agents and Missionaries after the report of the Agent and the address of Dr. McIlwaine, received verbal reports and statements from the following: H. G. Hill, D. D.; S. C. Alexander, S. H. Isler, J. C. Alexander, S. L. Wilson, P. H. Dalton, W. H. Davis, M. R. Kirkpatrick, J. Rumple, D. D., W. B. Arrowood, J. M. Wharey, W. A. Wood, D. D.

After which the Synod adjourned until 9½ A. M. to-morrow, and was closed with prayer by the Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D

Report on Presbyterial Records.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 30th, 1882.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of the Third Day's Sessions were read, amended and approved.

The Judicial Committee, Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., Chairman, reported that no business had been put into their hands, and asked to be discharged. The report was received and the request granted

The Committee on the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery, Rev. A. McFadyen Chairman, reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Orange Presbytery, Rev. F. L. Leeper, Chairman, reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Wilmington Presbytery, Rev. William W. Pharr, Chairman, reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. Roger Martin Chairman, reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Concord Presbytery, Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick Chairman, reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved, with the exception that they have not appeared in Synod for two years. The report was adopted.

Report on Records of Synod. Minute on Death of Rev. Edward Hines.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod, Rev. Dr. E. F. Rockwell, Chairman, reported that they had examined the same and find nothing therein calling for the special attention of this body.

It was made the Order of the Day for this (Saturday) morning immediately after divine worship, to hear the minute touching the death of Rev. Edward Hines.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill Chairman, reported that no business had been placed in their hands, and asked to be discharged. The report was received and the request granted.

The Unfinished Business touching Sabbath-Schools was taken from the docket, and the topics presented for consideration were further discussed in brief remarks by several members of the Synod. After which the Synod took recess to engage in public worship.

After divine service the Order of the Day for this hour was called, and the following minute touching the death of Rev. Edward Hines was read by the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. D. E. Jordan, and heard with respectful and serious interest by the Synod:

REV. EDWARD HINES.

Rev. Edward Hines, for many years an active member of the Presbytery of Orange, died in Granville county, North Carolina, on November 27th, 1879. At the meeting of Synod in 1880 a member of the body was appointed to prepare and report a Memorial Minute for adoption by the Synod. Not being present when the appointment was made, he failed to report at that meeting; lost sight of the appointment, and so failed again when called upon in 1881. This statement is made that it may appear that the Synod has not been unmindful of the memory of our departed brother.

Brother Hines was born in Charlotte county, Virginia, in May, 1811, When he was five years old his father moved to Patrick county and settled at the foot of the Blue Ridge. The country was rough and its religious privileges few and infrequent.

Minute on Death of Rev. Edward Hines, Concluded.

In the providence of God our brother was led, while still a boy, to make his home for a time in the town of Milton, North Carolina. He soon become deeply interested and concerned for the salvation of his soul, found peace in the Lord Jesus, and in March, 1831, connected himself with the Milton church. He became anxious to enter the ministry, but the difficulties in his way were such that friends urged him to give up the thought. He was poor. He was twenty years old and his academic education was not even begun. Yet he persevered, borrowed money—which he repaid after he entered the ministry—and first at Caldwell Institute, and afterwards at Union Seminary, completed his course of preparation, and in May, 1842, was ordained by Orange Presbytery to the work of the ministry.

For a short time he supplied the church at Oxford, in Granville county, and then was called to the pastorate of Shiloh and Nutbush churches, and within this pastorate, serving one or both of these churches, the rest of his life was spent. He was an earnest preacher of the Gospel, a warm friend and a watchful pastor. It has been said that during a pastorate of nearly forty years the young people of his charge would rarely fail to seek the full communion of the Church even before childhood had fully passed away.

He had been engaged for some days in preaching for the writer of this notice, when his summons came to die. His sickness was short and violent and his suffering great, but the presence of the Master made him wonderfully happy. He expected the coming of death and triumphed over it through the hope of the Gospel.

The Synod records its high appreciation of the character and services of our brother, and its thankful recognition of the grace which took away the sting from death and enabled him to go into the valley fearing no evil.

At the conclusion of the reading of this Minute, commemorative remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. S. Taylor Martin, Captain S. F. Venable, Rev. T. U. Faucette, Mr. J. H. Lindsay, Rev. C. M. Payne and Rev. Dr. Rumple, and the paper was unanimously adopted by the rising vote of Synod. After which the Synod engaged in prayer to Almighty God, their devotions being led by the Rev. Dr. J. Henry Smith.

The Stated Clerk was directed to transmit to the family of the deceased brother a copy of the memorial adopted, with the

expression of the sympathy of the Synod, and to make the customary memorial record in the book of minutes.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. C. M. Payne, was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter, in connection with the Report of the Agent of Evangelistic Labor, the Synod hear verbal reports from Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists, and that this resolution be incorporated into the Standing Rules of the Synod.

The Committee on the Report of the Trustees of Synod, Rev. S. T. Martin Chairman, reported that there was nothing in the report calling for special action on the part of the Synod. The report was received and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Rev. M. McQueen Chairman, made the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence would respectfully submit the following report :

Four of our five Presbyteries have sent up full reports, while Fayetteville Presbytery only reports from fifteen churches, and is therefore only partial and imperfect.

The total amount contributed by our Presbyteries, as reported to Synod, is $15,152.53, which is less by $263.47 than the previous year.

This amount has been contributed by our Presbyteries as follows: Orange $3,780.18; Concord $4,134; Fayetteville $915.35; Mecklenburg $4,602, and Wilmington $1,720.

The following Presbyteries gave more this year than in the previous year, viz: Orange and Concord. Orange increased its contributions by $732 and Concord by $261.

The other Presbyteries gave less this year than in the previous year, as follows: Mecklenburg $6; Wilmington $38, and Fayetteville (as reported) $1,308.65.

While it is manifest that if we had a full report from Fayetteville Presbytery, the aggregate amount of our contributons would be larger than in the previous year, still it is painfully evident that they would be far behind what they should be.

Statistical Report of Synod to General Assembly.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report of the Synod of North Carolina to the General Assembly, which was received and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States that it consists of five Presbyteries, and that these consist, in whole, of 120 Ministers and 232 Churches, having under their care 5 Licentiates and 14 Candidates, viz:

PRESBYTERIES.	Ministers.	Churches.	Licentiates.	Candidates.
Orange	30	63	2	6
Concord	23	36	1	1
Fayetteville	21	51	0	4
Wilmington	15	31	1	0
Mecklenburg	31	51	1	3
Total	120	232	5	14

The Synod further reports that its next Stated Meeting will be held in the First Presbyterian church, Wilmington, North Carolina, on Wednesday, the 14th day of November, 1883, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

By order of the Synod,

WM. S. LACY, Stated Clerk.

Historical Committee. Report on Leave of Absence.

The Synodical Historical Committee, Rev. W. S. Lacy, Chairman, made their report, which was received and docketed.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made their report, which was received and approved.

The Synod then took recess until after divine worship this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

After recess the Synod met and resumed business.

The report of the Historical Committee was taken from the docket and approved. See Appendix, Paper I.)

The Committee was continued and directed to prosecute the work according to their judgment.

The Committee of Leave of Absence, Rev. Dr. E. McNair, made the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee of Leave of Absence report to Synod that they have received excuses for tardiness from J. McNair, Rev. T. J. Allison, Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., Rev. S. M. Smith, John Colville, J. H. Lindsay, Rev. D. E. Jordan, A. M. McPheeters, W. H. Michal, Rev. J. M. Sprunt, D. D., W. H. Williams, Rev. K. McDonald, Rev. S. L. Wilson, Rev. D. I. Craig, J. M. Andrews, W. J. Cromartie.

They have also excused for the reasons assigned for absence from the last Synod, Rev. R. A. Wailes, Rev. L. R. McAboy, D. D., Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., T. J. Wilson, J. H. Webb, Mebaneville Session, Mt. Airy Session, Rev. E. McNair, Rev. H. McLean, Rev. J. H. Coble, Rev. D. D. McBryde, Rev. F. P. Harrell, Rev. L. K. Glasgow, Rev. J. S. Watkins.

The Committee have also considered the reasons assigned satisfactory for absence from the present meeting of Synod of B. L. Beall, G. W. McMillan, J. W. Primrose, P. P. Winn, Joseph Evans, J. P. Mc-

Pherson, L. R. McAboy, D. D., R. H. Chapman, D. D., Neill McKay, D. D., J. S. Watkins, R. Burwell, D. D., A. McQueen, P. R. Law, F. P. Venable, T. G. Thurston.

They have also given leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Synod, after 5 P. M. Saturday, to Rev. Mr. Payne, A. A. Cathey, J. M. Davis, Professor Latimer, Rev. Dr. Wiley, Rev. Mr. Woods, D. F. Morrow, E. McNeely, Rev. Wm. W. Pharr, S. M. Furr, Dr. Moore, J. L. McKinnon, Rev. G. S. Robinson, Rev. Mr. Kennedy, W. T. Gheen, Rev. Mr. Graves, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. Mr. McBryde, Rev. Mr. Gibbs, R. E. Lee, D. C. Ford, Mr. Denny, James McNair, J. F. McNair, R. K. Presnell, Rev. Mr. McFadyen, Rev. Mr. Isler, W. J. Cromartie, Rev. Mr. Penick, Rev. M. McQueen, Rev. Mr. Allison, H. P. Helper, Rev. Mr. McGilvary and Mr. Britton.

The Committee on Statistical Reports, Rev. J. H. Coble, Chairman, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom were referred the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries respectfully submit the following:

The five Presbyteries comprising the Synod of North Carolina report an aggregate of one hundred and twenty ministers and two hundred and thirty-two churches, an increase of one minister and five churches. With the exception of Mecklenburg, the Presbyteries do not report the number of members.

Five ministers have been received, two each in Orange and Mecklenburg and one in Concord.

Four ministers have been dismissed, two from Concord and one each from Orange and Mecklenburg.

One licentiate has been dismissed from Mecklenburg Presbytery.

There have been two licensures, one each in Orange and Mecklenburg Presbyteries.

There has been one ordination in Orange Presbytery.

There have been six installations—four in Orange and two in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The pastoral relation has been dissolved three times each in Orange and Mecklenburg Presbyteries.

Statistical Reports, Concluded. Report on Treasurer's Accounts.

Six churches have been organized—two in Orange, one in Concord and three in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

Two churches have been dissolved in Wilmington Presbytery.

There are fourteen candidates for the ministry—four in the Presbytery of Fayetteville, three in Mecklenburg, six in Orange and one in Concord.

Your Committee would call special attention to the small number of licensures and ordinations, and also to the decrease of candidates.

We repeat the report made a year ago, that there has been no death in our ministry during the past year; for which, together with other kind providences and blessings of our Heavenly Father, the Synod is called to render sincere praise and thanksgiving to the King and Head of the Church.

The Committee on Treasurer's Book and Account, Ruling Elder P. C. Hall, Chairman, made their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's book and accounts report that they have performed that duty, and they find the book and accounts of the Treasurer, Ruling Elder J. H. Lindsay, correct, and with vouchers corresponding with each item of disbursements.

The amount in his hands at last report was $122.33. Amount received from different Presbyteries since last report $316—total $438.33.

Disbursements $222.19.

Balance on hand at this date $216.14.

The items of expenditure will be found in the Treasurer's Report.

The Report of the Committee on Standing Rules was taken from the docket and recommitted to the same Committee, with instructions to report to the next meeting of the Synod.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. W. W. Pharr, D. D., was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of North Carolina, in session at Asheville, do hereby express their hearty appreciation and enjoyment of the kind and courteous hospitality extended this body by the members of the

Resolution of Thanks. Adjournment.

Presbyterian congregation and the Christian people of other churches in this city, and in this distinct manner recognize the courtesies shown and return their formal, yet sincere thanks.

The Synod desire further to record their grateful acknowledgments for the ecclesiastical attentions extended by other churches in the tender of their respective houses of worship to the Synod, making special mention of the kindness of our Methodist brethren in granting the use of their church for the session of Synod, as well as for public worship.

The Synod also return their thanks to the Railroad Companies that have granted reduced rates of travel.

The pastor of this church is requested to make known to his people the feelings of the Synod, and to secure the publication of the resolution in the city papers.

The Roll was called before final adjournment, and none was found to be absent without leave.

The Minutes of the Fourth Day's Sessions were then read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian church, Wilmington, North Carolina, on Wednesday, the 14th day of November, 1883, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Closed with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

L. McKINNON, *Moderator.*

J. A. RAMSAY, } *Temporary Clerks.*
W. H. DAVIS, }

WM. S. LACY, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

A.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange would report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of thirty (30) Ministers and sixty-three (63) Churches, having under their care two (2) Licentiates and six (6) Candidates.

They also report:

1. Three dissolutions of the pastoral relation, viz: between Rev. C. Miller and the Madison church, January 3d, 1882; between Rev. C. N. Morrow and the Cross Roads church, May 30th, and between the same and the Hawfield church, June 20th, 1882.

2. One ordination and one licensure, viz: Licentiate R A. Wailes, ordained December 11th, 1881; and Candidate William F. Thom, licensed as a probationer at Lexington, April 29th, 1882.

3. Four installations, viz: Rev. P. H. Dalton, pastor of the High Point church, one-fourth of his time, November 11th, 1881; Rev. R. A. Wailes, pastor of the Tarboro church, one-half of his time, December 11th, 1881; pastor of the Rocky Mount church, one-fourth of his time, and Rev. J. L. Williamson, pastor of the Hillsboro church, May 14th, 1882.

4. On the 27th of April they received the Rev. Messrs. S. L. Wilson and J. L. Williamson, from the Presbytery of Bethel, Synod of South Carolina; and on the 30th of May dismissed the Rev. C. Miller to the Presbytery of Paris, Synod of Texas.

5. Two new churches added to the roll, viz: Gulf church, in Chatham county, enrolled April 27th, and the Croatan church, in Craven county, organized June 22d, 1882.

6. In April last the Presbytery reappointed Rev. P. R. Law, Evangelist of the Chatham field, and elected Rev. S. L. Wilson Evangelist of the Halifax county field.

7. Of the sixty-three churches in the Presbytery 27 have pastors, 18 have stated supplies, and 18 are vacant. Of the thirty Ministers in the Presbytery two are Evangelists, nineteen are Pastors, four are Stated Supplies, one is teaching, one is in the employ of the American Bible Society, one is without charge and three are infirm.

8. The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery will be held at Nahalah church, in Halifax county, Friday, October 20th, 1883, at 11 A. M.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
September 11th, 1882. Stated Clerk.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina that they consist of 23 Ministers and have under their care 36 Churches, one Licentiate and one Candidate; that on the 11th of April, 1882, they dismissed Rev. J. H. Colton to Enoree Presbytery, South Carolina; that on the 26th of April they received Rev. W. B. Arrowood from the Presbytery of Montgomery, Virginia; that on the 27th of April they dismissed Rev. P. M. Custer to North Mississippi Presbytery; that on the 30th of July, 1882, they organized a church with 18 members, one Ruling Elder and one Deacon, under the name of New Salem; and that the next Stated Meeting of this body will be held at Unity on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath of April, 1883.

WM. W. PHARR,
Stated Clerk.

III.—PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina that at present they comprise 21 Ministers and 51 Churches, and have under their care 4 Candidates for the Ministry;

that on the 8th day of April, 1882, they received under their care Mr. Archibald Hugh McArr, a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, and that the next Meeting of Presbytery will be held at Montpelier church, in Robeson county, North Carolina, on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in April, 1883, at 12 o'clock M.

By order of Presbytery,

J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

Sherwood Church, N. C., Sept. 16th, 1882.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina that they number 15 Ministers, and have under their care 31 Churches and 1 Licentiate; that on the 25th day of March, 1882, they dissolved the churches of Spring Vale and Swansboro, and that their next Stated Meeting will be held in the First Presbyterian church, Wilmington, on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in April next, at 7 o'clock P. M.

By order of the Presbytery,

JAMES M. SPRUNT,
Stated Clerk.

September 16th, 1882.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully reports to the Synod of North Carolina that they have 31 Ministers, and have under their care 51 Churches, 1 Licentiate, 3 Candidates and a total membership of 4,655. On the 12th of May, 1882, Licentiate J. H. Dixon was dismissed to Enoree Presbytery, South Carolina, and Rev. Wm. B. Corbett to Harmony Presbytery, and the Pastoral relation between him and Union and Olney churches was dissolved. On the 9th of August, 1882, the Pastoral relation between Unity and Castanea Grove churches

and Rev. S. H. Chester was dissolved, and the Pastoral relation at Steele Creek church was dissolved, and the Pastor, Rev. J. T. Plunkett, was dismissed to the Presbytery of Ebenezer. On the 12th of May, 1882, Rev. F. L. Leeper was received from the Presbytery of Bethel, and Rev. Neander M. Woods from the Presbytery of Brazos. On the 10th of June, 1882, Rev. F. L. Leeper was installed Pastor of Hopewell church, and on the 28th of May, 1882, Rev. Neander M. Woods was installed Pastor of Second Church, Charlotte. On the 13th of May, 1882, Albert G. Buckner was licensed to preach. Ten of their Ministers are Pastors, 14 are Pastors elect or Stated Supplies; 13 Churches have Pastors and 24 have Pastors elect or Stated Supplies, and 9 are vacant. The average salary paid to 22 Ministers, reported in April, 1882, was $669. On the 18th day of July Presbytery organized a church in Mecklenburg called Amity, one in Gaston, on the 15th of July, 1882, called Gastonia, and one at Charleston, on the 25th of September, 1881.

By order of Presbytery,

Respectfully submitted,

R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

September —, 1882.

B.

REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

1.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully present to the Synod of North Carolina the following report on Systematic Benevolence for the year ending April 1st, 1882:

Forty-four Churches contributed to	Sustentation	$	829 76
Forty-four " "	Evangelistic Fund		931 29
Thirty-nine " "	Invalid Fund		261 40
Forty-four " "	Foreign Missions		1,221 90

Systematic Benevolence. Concord.

Thirty-nine Churches contributed to		Education	225 98
Thirty-nine	"	Publication	216 92
Twenty-four	"	Tuskaloosa Institute	92 93
Total			$3,780 18

14 Churches have contributed to all seven objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; 4 have contributed to five of them, 5 to four of them, 1 to three of them, 1 to two of them, 2 to one of them, 5 to none of them.

F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the Synod of North Carolina that, for the year ending April, 1882:

30 Churches contributed to		Home Missions	$ 240 00
27	"	Evangelistic Fund	854 00
22	"	Invalid Fund	118 60
28	"	Foreign Missions	1,546 00
26	"	Education	1,260 00
24	"	Publication	117 00
20	"	Presbyterial	290 00
29	"	Pastor's Salaries	11,636 00
25	"	Congregational	3,894 00
14	"	Miscellaneous	193 00
Total			$20,148 00

Of our 35 churches 19 have contributed to all the six objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; 4 have contributed to five of them, 4 to four of them, 2 to three of them, and five to none of them, so far as reported.

WM. W. PHARR,
Stated Clerk.

Systematic Benevolence. Fayetteville. Wilmington.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The report of the Presbytery of Fayetteville to the Synod of North Carolina, for the year ending April, 1882:

15	Churches contributed to		Sustentation	$ 119 28
13	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	72 75
15	"	"	Invalid Fund	80 04
16	"	"	Foreign Missions	453 49
13	"	"	Education	82 06
12	"	"	Publication	72 11
7	"	"	Ins for Educ'n Col'd Ministers	35 62
	Total			$915 35

The following churches have sent in no reports: Barbaeue, Bethlehem, Ben-Salem, China Grove, Church of the Covenant, Cameron, Flat Branch, Harmony, Iona, Laurinburgh, Long Street, Macedonia, Mt. Pisgah, Pee Dee, Rockingham, Salem, Sardis and Sharon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The report of the Presbytery of Wilmington to the Synod of North Carolina, for the year ending 1st April, 1882:

23	Churches have contributed to		Sustentation	$ 220 00
23	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	175 00
22	"	"	Invalid Fund	181 00
24	"	"	Foreign Missions	818 00
23	"	"	Education	171 00
23	"	"	Publication	155 00
21	"	"	Presbyterial	302 00
22	"	"	Pastor's Salaries Actu'ly P'd	8,960 00
17	"	"	Congregational	4,213 00
8	"	"	Miscellaneous	484 00
	Total			$15,679 00

Systematic Benevolence. Mecklenburg.

21 Congregations have contributed to all the objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly:

1 Congregation has contributed to five of them.
1 " " four "
1 " " two "
1 " " one "
1 " " none "

5 Churches have made no report.

By order of the Presbytery,

JAMES M. SPRUNT,
Stated Clerk.

September 16th, 1882

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports as follows for the year ending April, 1882:

36	Churches	contributed to	Home Missions	$ 951 00
32	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	1,082 00
28	"	"	Invalid Fund	200 00
36	"	"	Foreign Missions	1,948 00
29	"	"	Education	197 00
26	"	"	Publication	224 00
			Aggregate	$4,602 00

That is to say, the aggregate sum raised for benevolent objects was $6 less than in the previous year, and six churches did not report any contribution to any benevolent cause, viz: Bethlehem, Bethel, Waynesville, Paper Mill, Machpelah and Charleston—all small churches.

By order of Presbytery,
Respectfully submitted,

R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Pineville Church, May 14th, 1882.

C.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE SYNODS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 3D, 1882.

The Trustees met in annual session on the 2d and 3d days of May, 1882, nineteen of the twenty-four members of the Corporation being present.

The whole number of students during the year ending the 3d day of May, 1882, was fifty-five, twelve being members of the Senior, fourteen in the Middle and nineteen in the Junior Class. On the 3d instant, after appropriate addresses by the Rev. F. H. Johnston, of North Carolina, and by the Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, President of the Corporation, Certificates of having completed the full course of study prescribed by the Constitution of the Seminary were awarded in the public chapel to the following gentlemen, viz: Messrs. Albert G. Buckner, of North Carolina, Peyton H. Hoge, of Virginia, Francis W. T. Pittman, of Virginia, and John Calvin Stewart, of Virginia. Of the remaining members of the Senior Class one was a resident-licentiate, one was obliged to give up his studies on account of ill-health, one was an "irregular," one was called to supply the place of a disabled pastor, and four others left before the close of the term, to be examined for licensure by their Presbyteries, which met at such a distance as to make it impracticable for these young men to return to the Seminary.

From the reports of the Faculty and of the Examining Committee it appears that the students, for the most part, have been diligent and faithful in their work, with gratifying results, as exhibited in the final examinations. The health of the Faculty and the students has been generally good, no cases of serious sickness having occurred.

A course of twenty lectures in Elocution was delivered during the session, and with a measure of success so marked as to secure the commendation of the Faculty.

It is a matter of grave concern to the Trustees, as well as to the whole Church, that so few young men are looking to the work of the Ministry. With a growing demand for laborers in the field, the number seems to be alarmingly decreasing.

The value of written examinations, in the judgment of the Trustees, is abundantly shown in the continued use of them.

The buildings and grounds are in improved and good condition. The financial status of the Institution was never better. Reference is made to the official Appendix for specific information.

With a profound sense of the signal favors shown to this Seminary, in its previous history, by the great HEAD of the Church, the Trustees would humbly express their gratitude to HIM, with earnest prayers for His continued help and blessing.

By order of the Directors and Trustees.

J. L. KIRKPATRICK, President.

F. N. WATKINS, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

The title of the Corporation is, "THE TRUSTEES OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN VIRGINIA" (the words "in Virginia" being designed to distinguish this Institution from one of a similar name in New York). Trustees are, by law, only eligible when appointed Directors by the Synods. The following are the productive investments, as at 1st April, 1882, yielding an average income of a fraction over six per cent. net on the amounts of the securities held:

PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS 1ST APRIL, 1882.

Long Island Bank, Seven Shares		$ 350
St. Louis & I. M. Bonds		1,000
Richmond & Danville Railroad Bonds		7,500
South Side Railroad	"	4,000
Virginia Midland Railroad	"	4,700
Montgomery, Alabama,	"	1,200
Nashville, Tennessee,	"	1,100
Richmond, Virginia,	"	7,250
Petersburg, Virginia,	"	1,000
Western North Carolina R. R.,	"	10,000
Charlotte, A. & A. Railroad,	"	11,500
Georgia		12,000
Virginia		137,695
Private Bonds (Loans of 1881-'82)		35,850
North Carolina, New		150
		$235,295
North Carolina in Receiver's hands		3,015
Willson Scholarship Bonds		4,585
Total deemed productive		$242,895

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NOTE.—Shares of stock and fractional certificates not included being unproductive at present, and $1,250 of public and private bonds not yielding revenues, are omitted in the statement.

From this income, derived from this sum total of assets, ($242,895), payment is made to expense account, insurance, Directors' expenses, Professors' and officers' salaries, and six per cent. interest on $5,500 due to the Library Fund, and interest due on the $57,500 held in trust for Scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS.—During the year 1881-'82 a generous friend has given $5,000 to found the "Tabb Street Church Scholarship," and the amounts received from the estate of J. B. Willson, deceased, and for Scholarship purposes only, aggregate, as at 1st April, 1882, the sum of $20,000. The whole sum invested for Scholarships is $57,500, the income therefrom being appropriated in aid of students.

The officers of the Corporation are as follows, to wit: Rev. Dr. J. L. Kirkpatrick, of Virginia, President; Rev. J. M. Atkinson, of North Carolina, and Col. E. M. Armstrong, of Virginia, Vice Presidents; Judge F. N. Watkins (Farmville, Virginia), Secretary and Treasurer. The other Trustees are Rev. Drs. J. H. Smith, H. G. Hill, W. W. Pharr, Rev. Messrs. F. H. Johnston, W. S. Lacy, J. Rumple and B. F. Marable, of North Carolina; Rev. Drs. W. Brown, C. H. Read, J. J. Bullock, H. M. White, W. T. Richardson, A. Martin and C. White, of Virginia, with Elders L. C. Ingliss, of Maryland, J. N. Sydenstricker, of West Virginia, and A. Sprunt, E. N. Hutchison, W. Murdock and R. I. McDowell, of North Carolina. The Faculty consists of Rev. Drs. H. C. Alexander (Chairman), B. M. Smith (Librarian), T. E. Peck (Intendant), and R. L. Dabney (Clerk). The postoffice address of the officers and students is "*Hampden, Sidney, Virginia;*" that of the Treasurer is "*Farmville, Virginia.*"

F. N. WATKINS, Secretary and Treasurer.

Farmville, Virginia, May 3d, 1882.